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AGRICULTURAL TRAINING FOR GIRLS.

Some months ago The Times-Dispatch commended the State Normal School for Women at Harrisonburg for its investigation of the problem of how the farm woman can obtain more leisure for social and cultural purposes. That this interest in the problem of the farm woman was not unaverted is evidenced by the determination of President Julian A. Burruss, of the same institution, to make it an agricultural center where young women can secure that agricultural training which will be invaluably valuable to them as rural supervisors, as rural school teachers or as farm residents.

The Harrisonburg Normal School has already done so much in this direction through Miss King that the services of an expert in practical farming have been necessitated. R. Hay Ferguson has been added to the faculty in that capacity. A farmer born and reared, schooled in hard work on the farm, trained finally in the Ontario Agricultural School, he is thoroughly equipped for his position. He will devote three days in each week to instruction at the normal, conducting classes in those departments of agriculture which will most naturally be within woman's sphere on the farm.

Excellent training will in this way be supplied for the girls who expect to become rural supervisors to aid in the fine task of organizing rural communities for fuller living. The agricultural course will hold uncommon value for these young women who are to create school leagues, form girls' canning and cooking clubs, and who are to teach other girls in other normal schools. Of no less value will the instruction be to those who are to become rural teachers and builders of rural community centers. The rural teacher must give at least an elementary course in agriculture; here is her opportunity for practical equipment.

The fruit of the normal's endeavor will be to make farm women more content. Directly and indirectly that must be the event. Education is widening the outlook of the farm girl of the present. As the Harrisonburg News-Record so well says, "The farm girl has had a glimpse of what is going on, and she wants to learn modern methods of gardening, of poultry raising, of bee keeping. She wants to learn cooking. She wants to have her part in the rural life of to-morrow, and to make her own rural home a better place in which to live and in which to keep her own boys of the future on the farm."

President Burruss's policy is both constructive and far-sighted. Its execution means an excellent and ever-increasing contribution to the betterment of rural conditions.

JUDGE LYNCH REVERSED.

Will Fair, a friendless negro, several weeks ago was arrested at Spartanburg, S. C., accused of the usual crime. He was carried to jail shortly before a formidable mob formed with the intent of breaking into the prison and lynching him. The mob went about its hideous work. It blew open the outer gate of the jail with dynamite. Then Sheriff White came out, pistol in hand. "Gentlemen," he said, "I hate to do it, but so help me God, I'll shoot the first man that comes past that gate." "He means it boys," said a voice in the crowd, and the "boys" melted away at once.

Last week Will Fair was tried by a jury of white men and acquitted. It was conclusively proved that he was absolutely innocent, after he had been tried in orderly procedure. The uncommon courage of an uncommon sheriff had prevented mob murder.

Could there be a better illustration of the fact that mob law is born of blood lust, blind to reason? How many innocent negroes have been the victims of mob violence no one knows. What a bloody butcher of the unfeeling Judge Lynch has been.

The reign of law is not yet extended to every place in South Carolina and in other States some of them on the other side of the sectional line, but it is slowly spreading. Public sentiment is driving the lyncher back and dispersing the mob. Of more and more sheriffs as time goes on can it be said, as to the maintenance of law, as it was said of the defender of the Spartanburg jail, "He means it."

Secretary Bryan is educating several young men. He has also been much time educating these United States. Not least, Secretary Bryan has, to the unprejudiced eye, educated himself somewhat. It is plain why he is "the great Chattanooga."

What puzzles men is why they didn't let some of the queens who promenade Broad Street wear the crown they wanted beautifully displayed.

Secretary Bryan put the "talk" in Chattanooga and his enemies the chatter.

FOR EXAMPLE—
The Y. M. C. A. in Kansas City has vowed that the street wall shall be no more. The little chap you see in Richmond ducking through the crowd to sell his papers or pushing his "bike" to deliver a message needs a home and some big brothers. In Kansas City they are going to give him both.

The association will this week open a big building especially fitted for helping boys. It contains \$25,000 worth of equipment, and every bit of it is to be used. There will be offices, a gymnasium, pool and baths; rooms for games, reading and clubs; and there will be three floors of dormitories. Some of them will be free. They think out there that you can help a boy by lending him a place to sleep in when he is down on his luck.

This community home will be open to him, warm and full of real food all day and till a reasonable hour at night. All he has to do is to come and ask. He will not have to lurk on the streets with the gang or associate with the victims in tough resorts. One report says: "If he is friendless there is a warm hand of welcome for him and a kindly hand to take an interest in him. If he is in hard luck there is a big institution to do what it can to find him employment and see that he is cared for." Those simple ideals ought to help.

This home is not to be a commercial institution. It could not give these boys what they need if it was run as a business. The fees will make it something of a "new" affair. It will be his "club" for its name is the Kansas City Boys' Club. For boys from ten to thirteen years old a charge of 15 cents a month will be made, or \$1.25 a year; from thirteen to sixteen the members will pay 20 cents a month, or \$1.75 a year.

That isn't much even for a newsboy, especially when the director says he will personally conduct a bureau of vocational guidance. He intends to learn the circumstances under which the boy works and what he wants to do. He is even going to establish a bank for youthful savings.

The director, Edwin Lampshire, is to be the "pal" and confidant of these boys. He will start with 200 and aims at 500 later. Such an institution will need support, but Kansas City is ready to help the walf. There will be plenty of men eager to aid this practical work. We imagine the best result will be that the calls made on the strong to lend of their money and their love to these boys will make them wiser men.

A LANDMARK IN THE LAW.

Public interest in the Sulzer impeachment trial lags, but it commands the intense attention of a small group of men in the galleries of the courtroom. They are the representatives of law schools and universities throughout the world. They are following every word spoken in the case closely, taking copious notes. Their interest is in common with that of the legal profession everywhere.

These learned spectators have been attracted to the trial because of the few impeachment cases which are embedded in jurisprudence. Not since 1866 has there been such a trial in England, while in the whole life of the United States but eight State executives have been brought to bar, the whole number of impeachment trials for the country not exceeding a score.

The Sulzer trial will endure as a landmark in the law of impeachment. The New York Court of Impeachment is establishing precedents that will guide the unborn Legislatures of future generations. Point after point never before raised is to be settled in the pending case. Almost every past contention concerning the law of impeachment will arise before judgment is entered for or against Sulzer.

Here is an instance: The Court of Impeachment on Tuesday set a highly important precedent when it held that whenever a Legislature is lawfully in session it may exercise its exclusive power of impeachment. The point had never been raised before. It encompasses the Governor of an American State with a new limitation upon his powers, because it declares that although in convening the law-making body in extraordinary session he can confine its legislative functions to a specific sphere, its judicial functions cannot be so restricted. Broadly speaking, the principle is formulated that whenever there is need for invoking the power of impeachment, it can be invoked by the Legislature if in session.

An important corollary flowing from the same decision is that a Legislature does not possess the inherent right to meet at any time and present articles of impeachment. The Legislature is not a self-convening body. It can assemble only under the conditions and at the periods specifically prescribed by the organic law which established it. The precedents created by the Court of Impeachment are embracing many principles for the guidance of those to whom Sulzer will be but a name and his judges nameless. And so it has been from time immemorial that a comparatively unimportant individual is the occasion for the determination of vital and enduring principles of immeasurable influence in the affairs of nations.

We hope the oyster report says there are plenty of 'em.

The only hope for annexation is taxation.

Now is the time the verdant freshman wants to know if "Alma Mater" founded the college.

The paragraphs we have, for various reasons, refrained from writing about Fashion Week are the real thing.

The fall opening for oysters is also proving a success.

TEACHING AT THE STATE FAIR.
We believe that the State Fair has the right ideal of service to Virginia in its plan for enlisting the aid of various State departments to present educational exhibits at the fall show. The real fair is not a circus, nor yet a money-making scheme. It is a kind of popular school where instruction is by concrete evidence. It is not a place of book-learning, but of "look-learning." The teacher would call it a big laboratory where the farmer and his wife may be taught how to do things by watching them do them.

Moreover, the Fair draws people from all over the State. The departments have the biggest audiences they ever get. The Health Department, the Agricultural Department, and all the others spend large sums sending literature and speakers to carry their gospel into rural communities. It would certainly be a waste of golden opportunity did they not avail themselves of this chance to reach thousands right here in the capital.

The Agricultural Department is to have a complete exhibit in charge of Assistant Commissioner Owen. In one section fertilizers will be analyzed, and the methods of testing their worth demonstrated. Even more practical will be the talks on the varieties of soil in the State and the kinds of fertilizer needed for each condition. We agree with the men in charge that if the Virginia farmer could be taught that soils vary even on the same farm, and that what will help one is not necessary for another, and that the right tests can show what will help make land fertile, the lesson would be worth millions of dollars. The same doctrine applies to seed tests for adulteration and power of germination. It is the height of folly to put something in the ground to get a crop from without knowing the value of what you are planting.

We trust the city of Richmond will show to its own people and to the visitor what it has discovered about disease prevention, pure milk, domestic science and schools. The State Board of Health can preach hookworm cure, typhoid prevention and general sanitation in a telling way to people who will be eager to learn. In fact, every agency at work for a better Virginia should co-operate to make the educational side of the Fair its best feature.

CITY SUNSETS.

Spring gets up early to revel in its morning freshness. Autumn sends us home in quiet, thoughtful wonder at the glory of its sunsets. The slanting sun, the clouds, even the dust that rises and makes a queer earthy prism through which the light takes on an almost symbolic radiance, all conspire to make our evening sky flame into radiant beauty. There is food for meditation in that beauty of gold and red produced by the floating dust. It is a little parable of how the light shining through dust of earth or dust of men transfigures the whole world.

City sunsets are not charming in the open country way. We have too narrow a horizon. There is none of the swelling stretch of woods or meadow across which to view the whole half of heaven decked in myriad colors. To feel the majesty of the "looming bastions fringed with fire," we must be where the vision is not confined by brick walls, or spoiled by the conflicting glitter of the lamps. In town, we get only vistas and vignettes of sunset, unless, indeed, you are fortunate enough to work in the top of a tall building.

Yet the city picture at evening has its own charms. The fretful line of houses broken against a pale pink, or a warm yellow, has its silent poetry. Here a tall chimney trails a serpent of ink-black smoke across the illuminated west. It curls and twists, drifts into fanciful images and dies out a thin veil. White plumes of steam jet up like fountains. The sharp-cut spire of a church possesses a rhythm and grace that trees may envy. Sometimes, too, through the alcoves and arches, one sees pictures cut out of fairy colors.

Indeed, the city sunset, like all things urban, is touched with humanity. It is apt to make the man who sees it a little mournful. It whispers of the beauty of the world, and he feels bound and cramped by crowding walls. Yet, after all, it is a pleasant companion to walk home with.

Chicago finds that the cost of rearing children has increased 40 per cent in ten years. It's a good thing the children of ten years ago are now working for themselves.

That alligator on Floyd Avenue must have come down with the rain.

The news says that a "Cloud of Lawyers Will Fight for Thaw." The cloud has a silver lining, too.

Pegoud, the French aviator who hops the loop in his aeroplane, would probably ride on the New Haven Railroad without a tremor.

President Huerta says he has no candidate for the Mexican chief magistracy. He must favor taking the office without the formality of being a candidate.

An American in China proposed marriage to a girl in Ohio by cable and was accepted. When there's a will there's a way.

The Republicans are finding out just how soulless corporations are, for, despite tariff revision, they are doing business at the same old stand.

The cranberry crop is said to have been ruined, but with selves groaning with garnet-headed jars of raspberry jelly, the folks in Virginia "should worry" when Thanksgiving rolls around.

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

By ROY K. MOULTON.

Grand opera may be mighty fine and nifty, but it's all right, excepting And quite the most expensive line of music that comes under the stage. It's called the standard, but for mine I much prefer the narrow gauge.

I guess it's pretty plain to see That I am not much of a hand For music that comes under the sea. The music I call grand And that which makes a hit with me Is the music that I understand.

But still, should you ask me to-day What is the real and only thing In music, 'cording to my way Of living it out by day, I guess that I would have to say The songs my mother used to sing.

From the Hokeville Clarion.
Mr. and Mrs. Hokeville's new baby was born with all the good teeth. Professor says he don't know whether the kid is going to grow up to be a president or a iron-jawed trenchcoat, or circus or other. Grandma Whipple sent down to the city for a new set of false teeth, but they were too high in the instep, and she couldn't get her mouth shut with them. Jed Frank, our gentlemanly and comical blind man, and dentist, says it is a wonder some folks will never learn to patronize home industry.

Uncle Ezra Harkness' son Jabez is taking lessons in art. Uncle Ezra ain't much of an artist himself, excepting in the animal lines. All he kin draw flies. The motto of the Weather Bureau is "Be sure you are sure you go ahead." Old man Purdy says he wouldn't trade his corn for all the weather bureau's this side of the river. When his corn aches it is surely going to rain, maybe, and when it don't ache he don't know what is a-coming.

We have been reading about a turkey that kin make sixty knots an hour. Hub, that's nothing. Tammis had a boat on Duck Lake once that made sixty knots in one minute. When the heavy line got tangled up in the propeller wheel.

Frank Tammis says it is a darn lie about Congress always trying to keep a poor old Confederate soldier, and protect infant industries. He has protected kids in his family, and the government ain't doing nothing for him.

According to Uncle Abner.
Some fellows treat their religion like a life-preserver. They don't use it unless they have to.

There is going to be a burned lot of places where there is fishin', but whether a fellow catches anything or not is another question.

Another fellow knows as much any other time as he does between the age of eighteen and twenty-five.

Barrow was near right, after all. A party gal kin make a monkey out of a man any time.

It doesn't do much good to tell a fellow to keep sweet, think good thoughts and relax when he is tryin' to support a wife and seven kids and is workin' for called Cupid.

What has become of the old-fashioned grocery clerk who used to wear the white pocket sleeve protectors on his arms?

It's pretty hard to get any woman to admit she kin remember the date to the time when her kin was all that large, but a lot of 'em kin, at that.

When a fellow orders a coffee, dish, he can't understand, it is generally spelled out in plain English.

One of the few fellows in this world who have made a success of whiskers is John Philip Sousa.

It begins to look as though there ain't nobody else President of this country at the present time except Woodrow.

Between us wrought the kiss. In childlike faith we promised Devotion constant, true; We smild each on the other And swore to love and cherish 'em.

The glad leaves whisper'd secrets As gentle zephyrs play'd, And shrill'd the merry cricket "His gayest serenade."

All through that happy summer In childhood love we grew, And smild the gods upon us, And loving hours flew.

My dream of love was over, And I liv'd but for my sweetheart— The world lay at her feet, And I was in her dream.

Where love and sweetness meet. But came the brown October, Which wrought a magic spell; My dream of love was over, And I liv'd but for my sweetheart.

Oh, why was she so constant, She who her love had sworn? This life is not all roses, And some things must be born.

There comes a time when maidens Their early vows forsake, There comes a time when maidens Their early vows forsake.

And then I lost my sweetheart— Lost my love and my heart— FRANK MONROE BEVERLY.

Freeling.

Queries and Answers

That New Zealander.
Please give me the quotation from Macaulay about the tourist sketching the ruins of London and tell me where to find it.

A. N. BROWN.
Enough for your purpose would probably be the Church of St. Dunstons (Westminster) which was great and respected before the Saxons had set foot on Britain, because the English had passed on the Grecian cloquence still flourished at Antioch, when idols were still worshipped, and the once flourishing city of London in a letter from an American traveler, dated from the ruins of St. Paul's in the year 2190 to a friend at Boston, the metropolis of the Western Empire. It is quite likely that only one language forbids tracing of the idea to the farthest borders of human records.

Art and Domestic Science.
Can you give the address of several reputable colleges where art and domestic science are taught?

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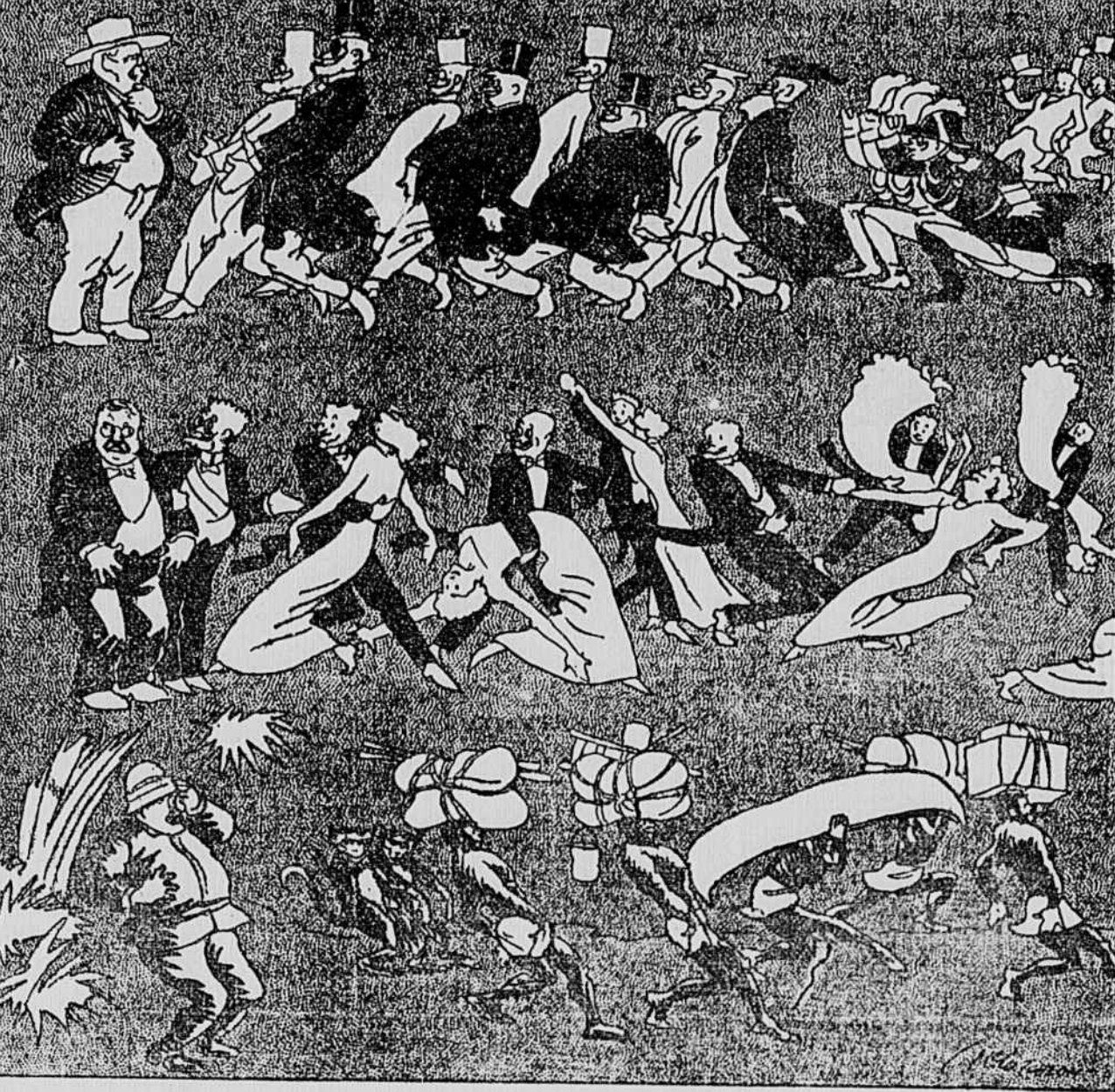
Preserving Flowers.
How may flowers be preserved by pressing between blotting papers and made to keep their color?

A. S. B.
The usual and quite effective method is to dry them in the shade.

WHEN T. R. VISITS ARGENTINA, THE HOME OF THE TANGO.

By John T. McCutcheon.

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NEWS OF SOUTH RICHMOND

TO HAVE PARADE

Swansboro Federal Order. Will March With Band Down Hull Street. The Swansboro Federal Order, a band of 150 men, will march down Hull Street on Monday morning. The band is composed of men from the Swansboro, Virginia, and the band is led by Captain W. H. Jenkins. The band will be accompanied by a large crowd of people.

Revival Starts in West End. Evangelistic services will start on Sunday in West End Methodist Church, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Charles Tinsley Thirtle. Special music will be rendered by the choir. There will be preaching both morning and evening.

Church Benefits This Week. The home of Mrs. Browning Franklin, in Swansboro, will be the scene of a lawn party to-night, which will be given for the benefit of Stockton Street Baptist Church.

To Have Industrial Pictures. In order to supplement the course in industrial art which was inaugurated at the Southside schools this year, a series of educational moving pictures will be shown each week for the pupils of Powhatan and Bainbridge Schools. They will be the first given in the Victoria Theatre on Sunday morning, and will continue all during the season. It is planned to have the pictures given every day instead of once a week, if the idea is successful. The films will be obtained from the New York Educational Film Company. The only charge the school will have is the freightage on the shipments. The exhibitions will be in charge of the principal, Professor E. E. Smith.

Mrs. Zylster Returns to Richmond. Mrs. Peter C. Zylster, formerly of South Richmond, returned yesterday from Gainsville, Ga., where she has been recuperating from a serious illness, and will make her home on West Main Street. Mrs. Zylster was stricken more than six months ago, and after spending some time with her father, Mr. Jagers, in Charleston, S. C., she returned to Richmond, where her health greatly improved.

Mr. Fahr Visits Old Friends. A. W. Fahr, of Gorgona, Panama, was the guest of Southside friends yesterday. Mr. Fahr is a former resident of South Richmond, but has been living in Panama for several years.

To Repair Viaduct. The Administrative Board yesterday notified the receivers of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company that the concrete work on the underside of the Marshall Street Viaduct is in a loose condition and instructing them to have the required repairs. While the bridge itself is safe as far as traffic over it is concerned, the occasional fall of loose bits of concrete to the valley below endangers the safety of persons who pass beneath it.

Captain Winstead Resigns. The resignation of Captain J. R. Winstead, of Company E, Fourth Infantry, Virginia Volunteers, was accepted yesterday by Governor Mann. Orders were issued from the office of Adjutant-General W. W. Sate announcing the resignation and directing the commanding officer, Fourth Infantry, to order an election to be held in Company E within thirty days for the purpose of filling the vacancy of captain and any other vacancies that may be occasioned thereby.

Abe Herman Recovering. Abe Herman, thirteen years old, of 213 North Nineteenth Street, who had three fingers badly mangled while playing in the streets, was recovering yesterday from the operation performed on them after the accident. As a visitor he was watching the work of the bakers when he caught his hand in some machinery. He was attended by Dr. Strickland, who took a number of stitches in the wound.

Leave of Absence. Adjutant-General W. W. Sate granted a leave of absence yesterday to First Lieutenant E. V. Pence, Company E, First Infantry, Virginia Volunteers, for two months from September 15.

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invites you to open an account, either subject to check or at 3% interest in its Savings Department. CAPITAL and SURPLUS \$1,600,000.00